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SAUGUS CHARTER COMMISSION

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Step 3 – Develop Possible Solutions

Government Model: Slightly Modified Current Structure – Proposal #2

	Description: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>50 Member Town Meeting</i>• <i>Subset of 10 appointed by colleagues.</i>• <i>Moderator can meet with subset in between town meetings.</i>• <i>Selectmen remain. Will be designated as policy leaders, water and sewer.</i>• <i>Consulting budget analysts to assist fin com.</i>
Executive	Executive branch will consist of an appointed town manager five Selectmen. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Appointed Town Manager will have a 3 year –term• Manager has all the same stated powers except board appts and leasing town property.• Screening Committee provides no less than 3 names to Selectmen.• Majority vote to hire and fire.• Manager must have goals and assist in development of capital plan, financial forecast and comprehensive plan. Yearly evaluation by Selectmen• Selectmen appoint citizen boards.• Selectmen hire auditor.• Selectmen approve leasing of town property.
Legislative	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 50 member town meeting for 10 precincts, staggered 3 year – terms. They select a moderator.• Will continue to do zoning, budget, appropriations, borrowing, bylaws, accept state statutes, propose home rule petitions..• Town Meeting must meet at least every 60 days. They may be called into session by Selectmen or• Moderator appoints 9members to Finance / Audit Committee...• Fin Com assisted by budget analyst who will also perform internal audits..
School Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Involved in “front end” of budget process.• School financial administration merged with town financial administration.
Elections	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Yearly spring elections.• All terms 3 years.• Recall will be 15% / 25 days except no recall for GA precinct specific members.
Finance	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Budget Analyst/ Auditor to assist Fin Com who will also perform post audit.• Frequent monitoring of expenditures and performance of spending.• School finances formally coordinated with town finances.
Budget	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Budget process will include SC in early stages to set broad goals.• TM will develop budget based on policy objectives developed by Selectmen.• Fin Com makes recommendations to Town Meeting.• Fin Com continues to meet after budget accepted to monitor appropriations with comptroller.• Fin Com will still have a reserve fund.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Fin Com to advise on 1% transfer matters.• Fin Com no longer will recommend on non-financial matters before Town Meeting.
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